

# RESISTS THE CUBAN COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Americans Avert That the Isle of Pines Is United States Territory and Will Stand on Their Rights.

New York, Jan. 20.—Three hundred American citizens, property owners and residents of the Isle of Pines, says the Herald's Havana correspondent, are preparing to resist forcibly, if necessary, any further exercise of sovereignty by the Cuban government. Formal demand has been made upon Minister Squiers for the protection due to American citizens on American territory and Minister Squiers is conferring with President Palma.

American residents on the island say they own and occupy more than two thirds of the land there. They assert that the Cuban government is levying oppressive and unlawful taxes in the Isle of Pines and spending the proceeds in the island of Cuba. Administration of justice in the Isle of Pines is said to be unreliable. The protesting Americans say they have settled in the island with their families and mean to stay. Before investing their money in the purchase and improvement of real estate they received official assurances from Washington that the Isle of Pines was territory of the United States. They refuse to pay further taxes to the Cubans and ask that steps be immediately taken to establish a government in the island under American authority.

The situation is becoming serious and an open rupture is likely to occur if President Palma's rural guards to the Isle of Pines attempt to enforce the collection of taxes.

## THERE WAS NO DANGER.

Officials Contend That St. Louis Was Slow, but That Was All.

New York, Jan. 20.—While regretting the delay of the St. Louis, officials of the American line in London contend there was absolutely no danger whatever, according to a London dispatch to the Tribune. One of the company's representatives has stated that the boilers were in perfect condition when the St. Louis left Cherbourg and there was no reason to suspect that anything would go wrong with the machinery on the voyage.

Commenting on the published statement that some of the passengers contemplate bringing actions against the company on the ground that the St. Louis was advertised as the fastest vessel of the American line, an official declared that the suggestion was altogether absurd. In the first place, he said, the company had never issued such an announcement; in the second place, the steamship company was under no guarantee to disembark passengers in a limited number of days. Newspapers here which refer to the matter editorially consider that, in view of all the circumstances of the case, the American line will be wise to investigate the charges which have been made as to the condition of the St. Louis before leaving Southampton.

## PERSONAL EFFECTS OF FAIRS HAVE BEEN PILLAGED.

Valuable Sable Coat Replaced With Imitation and Necklace of Pearls Has Been Tampered With.

San Francisco, Jan. 20.—A sensational discovery was made, says the Call, when the personal effects of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Fair arrived from Paris a few days ago.

The magnificent Russian sable coat, valued at \$10,000, which Mrs. Fair bequeathed in her will to Mrs. Joe Harvey, was gone, and a cheap imitation affair, not worth \$30, had been substituted in its place. Mrs. Fair's famous pearl necklace, valued at \$15,000, had been tampered with, and instead of real pearls in the necklace, cheap imitation gems had been set in their places. Numerous articles of jewelry which the Fairs were known to have taken to Europe were missing and their only effects which were returned through the American consulate in-

tact were Mrs. Fair's chinchilla and mink coats and Charles Fair's scarf pins.

The changes were made, it is believed, before the articles were turned over to the American consulate. Steps have been taken to attempt to locate the stolen articles.

## RACE HORSES GIVEN AWAY.

Animals That Cost Thousands Brought Trivial Sums.

San Francisco, Jan. 20.—Thoroughbreds that originally cost in the neighborhood of \$25,000 were sacrificed at public auction yesterday at the Occidental Horse exchange. They were from the Nevada breeding farm of Paul G. Lane, son of the well known mining man, who decided to retire, and shipped all of his blooded stock to this city.

They brought a total of \$1200, less than one of the horses cost him. Cimeta, a daughter of the sensational brood mare Sabrina, was secured by Charles Kerr for \$45. Grinstead gave to the turf such sensational performers as Volante, Santa Ana, Santiago and Silver Cloud, yet Salonica, a Grinstead mare, went to the bid of Barney Schreiber for \$90. The auctioneer could only obtain \$50 for a mare by Imp Islington, the sire of Kinley Mack, the only horse to win both the Brooklyn and suburban handicap. A number of others brought \$15, \$20 and \$30. One reason for the small prices was the bad condition of the animals.

## REMARKABLE STATION FIRE.

Cars Leave Track and Crash Into Building, Upsetting Stove.

Port Jervis, N. Y., Jan. 20.—As a result of a peculiar accident the Erie railroad station at Hoadleys has been destroyed by fire, the operator employed there barely escaping with his life. A wheel on an east bound train broke off the axle and crashed into the station, overturning the stove and setting the building on fire.

Sherwood, the operator, crawled through the ticket window into the waiting room just in time to escape a car of lumber, two empty freight cars and a loaded coal car which left the track and burst through the side of the station. These cars, together with the building and three other cars of the train, were burned with their contents.

## AGED PHILANTHROPIST DEAD.

Joseph Whipple Stickler Had Given \$200,000 Away in Three Years.

Orange, N. J., Jan. 6.—Joseph Whipple Stickler is dead at his home here, aged 59 years. In the past three years Mr. Stickler had given nearly \$200,000 to philanthropic objects in Orange. A handsome soldiers' monument in Athens, Pa., the birthplace of Mr. Stickler, was another of his gifts. It was unveiled last spring.

Mr. Stickler married Miss Charlotte Snell, who died two years ago. She was a daughter of Captain John Snell, one of the first white children born in Bradford, Pa.

## UP FOR TREASON.

New York, Jan. 20.—The trial of Colonel Lynch for treason, which will begin tomorrow, promises to turn on the question of whether he was a Transvaal burgher or a British subject when he took up arms for the Boers, says a dispatch from London to the Tribune. British law is now more merciful than in the days of Jacobite riots when conspirators having French commissions were unceremoniously hanged.

## M'CONNELL WILL DIE.

San Francisco, Jan. 20.—Frank McConnell, the pugilist, who was knocked out by Joseph Heggerty, alias "Spider" Welch, last Thursday evening, is in a critical condition. He was believed to be out of danger, but has suffered a relapse and now there is little hope for his recovery.

# MEXICANS ARE DYING LIKE SHEEP OF PLAGUE.

The Terrible Disease Is Spreading in Different Cities and People Are Fleeing Terror Stricken.

Bisbee, Ariz., Jan. 20.—Information has reached here that the dreaded bubonic plague has made its appearance at Tororico, Mexico, 65 miles from Minas Prietas, state of Sonora. The story is that an unknown man came to Tororico about a week ago and was immediately taken ill and rapidly developed symptoms of plague. When questioned the man admitted that he was from Mazatlan and said he had managed to make his way through quarantine lines without much trouble. The people of Tororico are greatly excited and many have left town.

It is also reported that plague has been discovered in several interior towns in Sonora. Further reports received here are to the effect that there is no plague at Hermosillo and Guaymas. The Guaymas quarantine against ships from Topolobampo, Mazatlan and even San Francisco is being maintained.

The people of Topolobampo are reported to be dying like sheep and leaving the stricken city as fast as possible. Many leave in the night time, going out in ocean skiffs. It is feared that these departures will spread the plague. The condition of Mazatlan is reported no better. The people are getting away from there to the interior country, and it is feared that some of them are making their way to towns in the eastern part of Sonora.

## THE BITE KILLED HIM.

Poison Resulted From Teeth Wound by Prisoner.

New York, Jan. 20.—As a result of blood poisoning, by being bitten by a prisoner about 18 months ago, Patrolman John T. Collins, a Brooklyn policeman, is dead. Collins was bitten on the hand by a desperate thief in an attempt to escape. The policeman took two days off and then returned to work, but the poison in his system showed itself at intervals in painful rashes and was the cause of frequent fainting spells. Collins, however, remained on duty until last Friday, when he was taken to the hospital, where he died.

## CUT OUT UNIVERSITY.

Action of Trustees Was Distasteful to Rich Testator.

Philadelphia, Jan. 20.—John B. Stetson, a wealthy manufacturer, has cut from his will all provision for the university at Deland, Fla., which bears his name. This step followed the board of trustees in exonerating the president of the institution, Dr. John W. Forbes, whose conduct has been under investigation.

"I certainly shall not aid the university longer under its present management," Mr. Stetson is quoted as saying. "I changed my will hurriedly as soon as the action of the trustees was taken, for fear that I might die before the clauses providing for Joan B. Stetson university were cut out."

## SCHEME TO DIVERT ATTENTION.

Bomb of Giant Powder Exploded With Terrific Force.

New York, Jan. 20.—A bomb charged with giant powder was exploded yesterday in the part of the boiler house of the Hackensack Water company at West Hoboken, and so great was the force of the explosion that two heavy doors were blown down and the boilers were shifted while the fireman and his assistant were stunned and bruised. Seventy-five tons of coal are stored in the bins of the company and it is thought that the bomb was set off so that attention could be diverted from the men who were stealing coal.

## FARMED ON CHICAGO'S SITE.

Oldest Settler of Windy City Dies at Age of Ninety-Five.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—John Sweeney, who held a gold medal from the Society of Chicago Pioneers, as the "old settler" in Chicago, is dead of old age. It is said he was born in Londonderry, Ireland, in 1808, and was therefore 95 years old. He arrived in Chicago in 1854 and was a farmer within the present city limits from that time until his death.

## GREAT WRITER DEAD.

New York, Jan. 20.—Julian Ralph, author and war correspondent, died at his residence here tonight.

## BOSTON NEWSBOYS.

A New Yorker went to Boston a short time ago to apply his genius to the task of increasing the circulation of a Boston daily newspaper, which was recently acquired by one of the endless-chain New York publishers. The circulation manager has a new and interesting experience to relate of his first encounter with Boston trades unionism. Spurred by kindly sentiment toward the newsboy army that acted as intermediary between his paper and the great public, and also having some designs in securing the sentimental attachment of the newsboy army, the manager decided to "do something." He selected one of the best plays running at a Boston theater, one he thought the newsboys would appreciate, and

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The 500 tickets were returned to the box office and the New York man is preparing a dinner for his particular newsboy friends where nothing shall be opened unless it bears a union label.

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HENRY WESTERMIRE, of Portland, county of Multnomah, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 5968, for the purchase of the W¼ NW¼ section 22, and E¼ NE¼ of section 31, in township No. 6 north, range No. 9 west, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the register and receiver at this office at Oregon City, Oregon, on Monday, the 23 day of February, 1903.

He names as witnesses: Alfred Brunick, Jacob Goehring, Fred Naph, Henry Serr, all of Portland, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 24 day of February, 1903.

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